GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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New Rail Lines in Chhattisgarh
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of all the survey works for new railway lines sanctioned in the year 2016-17 and lying pending including in the State of Chhattisgarh;

(b) the present status of the work of new rail line sanctioned from Bilaspur to Dongargarh;

(c) the details of the funds allocated and spent on the same;

(d) the reasons for not starting the work of the said rail line so far; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to speed up the work of the said projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a): During the year 2016-17, 77 surveys for New Railway Line have been sanctioned. No New Line survey for the State of Chhattisgarh has been sanctioned in 2016-17.

(b) to (d): The new line work from Dongargarh to Bilaspur via Kharigarh, Kawardha (270 Km) was included in Rail Budget 2016-17 at a cost of `2500 Crore subject to requisite Government clearances. Detailed Project Report (DPR) is under preparation.

(e): Ministry of Railways and State Government of Chhattisgarh had formed a Joint Venture Company namely Chhattisgarh Railway Corporation Ltd. (CRCL) for undertaking survey, development and resource mobilisation of mutually identified viable Railway Projects. CRCL in its board meeting has identified this project for taking up its viability study. Consultancy tender for the same has been invited.

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